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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Vincent E. Bryan et al GROUP ART UNIT: 3308
SERIAL NO.: 08/856,846 EXAMINER: M. Jones
FILING DATE: May 15, 1997
TITLE: "HUMAN SPINAL DISC PROSTHESIS"



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

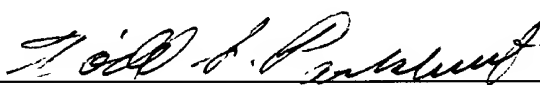
PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 10, 1998 for three months so that the period for response is extended to September 10, 1998. A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension.

To the extent any additional fees are due and owing in view of this communication, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2290. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this Request for Extension of Time for Serial No. 08/856,846 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to:

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